

SHEEHAN SEIZES HIS CHANCE.

HE'S GATHERING IN THE VOTES NOW TO DOWN CROKER.

Knows Tammany's Tricks and Tammany's Power. Yet He Declares That Fusion Will Win by 50,000 Majority—Revolt Within and Without the Organization.

Among all the leaders of the fusion forces who are plotting to wrest the city from Tammany and corruption there is no harder worker than John C. Sheehan, the leader of the Greater New York Democracy. Mr. Sheehan has a great deal at stake in this campaign. As everyone knows he was the foremost leader in Tammany Hall before the campaign of 1897 and knows the ins and outs of Tammany politics particularly. Tammany politics probably better than any one person in the fusion ranks to-day. Mr. Sheehan was deposed by Mr. Croker and the memory of that is still fresh in the public mind, as well as of the fight at the primaries in his district, the Ninth, last year, when all the power that Tammany could bring to bear through the methods of bribery and police influence, was concentrated in that district in order to wrest it from Mr. Sheehan and crush him entirely.

Consequently it is to be expected that Mr. Sheehan would make this campaign of his life and that is just what he is doing. His personal headquarters are at the Poplar Club, but Mr. Sheehan does not spend all his time there. The Greater New York Democracy has headquarters in thirty-four Assembly districts and very few days have gone by in which Mr. Sheehan has not visited at least half of these district headquarters to listen to reports and give advice to those to whom he has entrusted the campaign in the district. The few hours that he spends every day in his office on Broadway are largely given up to politics, too, for there is a steady stream of callers to see him while he is there, some of them with advice, others to tell of this and that meeting of the night before, and practically all to have a word with him on some matter touching the campaign.

Mr. Sheehan's reputation as one of the most astute politicians in the city and his intimate acquaintance with Tammany and its methods naturally make him a target for those who wish to get a line on the chances for the fusion ticket. Mr. Sheehan has impressed such inquirers with his confidence concerning the result and they have carried away his predictions of a fusion victory with a feeling that they ought to come pretty near being right when the votes are counted.

"What side do I think is going to win?" said Mr. Sheehan to a Sun reporter yesterday in reply to a direct question: "Why, the fusion side as sure as you're standing there. And why do I think so? Well, I'll tell you, it's because the people are aroused against Tammany as they never have been aroused before. In 1897 I was a district leader in Tammany Hall and I know just what we had to face in that campaign. I know just the public sentiment that was against Tammany in that year because of the Lexow exposures and just how much this sentiment weighed against us in the end. Now, what's the result this year? If the fusion ticket isn't ten times stronger, if the feeling against Tammany for its misuse of power isn't ten times more intense, why, then, I'm fooled, that's all. I believe that Tammany will be a loser by from 40,000 to 50,000 votes."

Tammany is losing strength every day, and the defection, a great part of it, is right in Tammany Hall itself. The day before yesterday a great many of the rank and file did not show up at the district meeting, and they'll scratch him just as sure as you live. Mr. Sheehan hasn't won a vote by his speech, in my mind. He has called them out, he has named the game, and he'll scratch him just as sure as you live. Mr. Sheehan hasn't won a vote by his speech, in my mind. He has called them out, he has named the game, and he'll scratch him just as sure as you live."

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"Van Wyck is going to be scratched more than any other man on a Tammany ticket. He has been for many years, and he's going to be scratched by Tammany men who will vote the rest of the ticket. They are disgusted with him, and he's been for many years. Unless I'm greatly mistaken he will run 10,000 behind the rest of the ticket."

"It must be conceded that Tammany has greater resources this year than it ever had, but against that we have the handicap of Croker's prolonged residence abroad as an English country squire. That Tammany had the patronage in 1894, it had the police to a man with it, and yet still it was defeated. The fusion ticket has the sentiment that did it and it's going to do it again this time."

"Now, what has Tammany got against it now that it did not have four years ago? It's got the influence that Tammany itself has created. Every man who has come within reach of Tammany's official power has felt it and it has made enemies. Just at this time you will not find the business men to whom this applies coming out and saying so. Tammany's raid on their evening will be ordered down or their stands ordered away or of some other coercive measure, but they are just waiting to vote. I know that from the reports I have got. When Croker made that declaration on the stand that he was working for his own pocket all the time every man holding an office or large vote took the cue. Every shopkeeper has felt it. It's been an organized system of graft on a scale that was never before known before and Tammany can't explain it away on the stump or anywhere else. They have just got to keep silent about it, feeling that their punishment is coming and that they have earned it."

"The Greater New York Democracy will give 50,000 votes to the fusion ticket in Manhattan and The Bronx. I don't know so much about Brooklyn. Richmond we feel confident of. It ought to give the fusion ticket at least a plurality. I should say would give the fusion ticket about 2,700 plurality. That is only a few more than the Tracy and Low plurality over there and it isn't reasonable to suppose that Tammany will get more than half of the Henry George votes, if it gets that many."

"You see a lot of people shaking their heads and figuring on the vote that Croker gave to Bryan last year. They forget that that fight was on national lines. From its core it was a very different campaign. Then there were several of the largest newspapers supporting the Democratic cause of opposition to trusts and imperialism, and men voted then without regard to Mr. Croker. This year he is the issue himself, and do you think that these independent voters who voted against imperialism and trusts are going to vote for Croker? Not a bit of it. They are going to vote against him as representing the biggest trust in existence. The Greater New York Democracy feels confident that it has the independent Democrats with it, and the reports that we are getting confirm us more and more in this opinion. Mr. Croker has lost a great deal of his influence. He is too much of a political gymnast like Shepard."

Mr. Sheehan said that within a week his organization would issue a statement to the public in the nature of a review of the campaign and that it was being made in the editorial columns that was being made in all the districts in which the Greater New York Democracy is organized.

REVOLT AGAINST McLAUGHLIN.

District Boss McGuffin Threw Down Auction Room's Man Moffatt Despite Orders.

The approach of the final week in the campaign in Brooklyn finds the Willoughby street machine now a more annex of Tammany badly crippled and in utter despair of maintaining its political supremacy in the borough this year. All along the line it finds either another dissatisfaction or open revolt among its own followers. Mr. McLaughlin himself, with a record of over forty years' imperial political dictatorship, was recently turned down by a comparatively insignificant district leader, though the secret has been carefully guarded for fear that the story, if ventilated, might have a still more depressing effect on the campaign.

It was William R. McGuire, the Executive Committee member in the Sixth Assembly district, who administered the cruel blow to the prestige of the veteran manager, James Moffatt, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Water Supply, has been chairman of the Democratic County Convention for three years and comes from the same Assembly district as McGuire. It was the intention of the Willoughby Street manager, who is willing to use all means to continue Moffatt as chairman of the County Committee for another year, but McGuire, as boss of the Sixth Assembly district, refused to allow Moffatt's name to go on the ticket at the recent primary for any office.

Previous to the primary it was known that McGuire was friendly to Moffatt and he was summoned there and told that Moffatt must be rejected as a delegate to the County Committee. No one supposed until the day of the primary, when it was discovered that Moffatt's name was not on the ticket, that McGuire would have the audacity to disregard such a mandate. McLaughlin expressed himself with considerable force next day, but determined in view of the approach of the campaign to somewhat his resentment for a while. Some of McGuire's friends have been apprehensive as to his fate, but strange to say McGuire himself has so far made no apologies to the central authority and remains apparently undisturbed.

McGuire's hostility to Moffatt dates back to about a year ago, when the latter deposed him from a place of trust in his department to that of an assistant cashier in the salary of \$200 a year. Persons on the inside say that with the defeat of Shepard and there will follow with startling suddenness other revolts against Mr. McLaughlin. It is said that the old man will retire for good from the political arena, leaving James Sheelin, Senator F. H. McGarren, John L. Shee, Bernard A. York and the other lieutenants to scramble for the leadership. It can be safely predicted that the Willoughby street machine will be in sad need of repairing a week from next Tuesday.

BOSS COLONIZER NABBED.

Supt. McCullagh Jubilant Over the Capture of Many Warrants for Floaters.

Supt. McCullagh was jubilant yesterday over an arrest for colonization which he considers about the most important that his men have made so far. The man arrested is James L. Devine of 247 West Eleventh street and he is accused of aiding and abetting illegal registration. Devine was arrested on Thursday night outside a saloon at Eighth avenue and West Twelfth street. Supt. McCullagh says that he is the leader of one of two gangs of colonizers that have been registering floaters by wholesale in the Second, Fifth, Seventh and Ninth Assembly districts.

Supt. McCullagh says that one of the gangs is composed of "floaters" who were brought here from Hoboken and the other is made up of men from Martin Engel's and "Big Tim" Foley's districts. Devine, himself, the superintendent charged, not only registered in his own district, the Twelfth, but also in eleven other districts. He was charged with "floaters" but didn't stop him. He used his own name in his own district, but in each of the other districts took other names.

"It is impossible for me to say just now," said Mr. McCullagh, "just how often, and in how many districts the members of this gang are registered, but I have valuable information I got from him will be used against every member of the gang. Supt. McCullagh has so far obtained 150 warrants and made more than eighty arrests. A number of warrants are to be issued for persons who have been registered in the Second, Fifth, Seventh and Ninth districts.

Asked yesterday what he was going to do about "Big Tim" Sullivan's threat that his men would be "floated" in the city, Supt. McCullagh said that he would have at the polls on election day, the superintendent said.

"Time enough to talk about that when election day comes. I guess there won't be any trouble. Mr. Sullivan isn't taking any chances with this bureau these days."

FIGHT WILL BE HOT NEXT WEEK.

The Anti-Tammany Forces to Hold Forty to Fifty Meetings Each Night.

The fusion campaign in this borough next week will be the hottest that has ever been waged by anti-Tammany forces. From thirty to fifty meetings, indoors and outdoors, will be held every night and "hustle" will be the slogan from Monday morning until Saturday night. One of the chief meetings of the week will be held on Tuesday night in the Madison Square Garden concert hall, under the auspices of the Citizens' Union, the Greater New York Democracy and the Madison Square Club of the district, which will be presided over by Francis Union Greene will preside and among the speakers will be Justice Jerome, Robert Fulton Cutting, Jacob A. Cantor, John A. Weeks.

On the same evening a novel meeting will be held at Camp Seth Low in the lower half of the thirty-fourth Assembly district. An invitation to attend the meeting and hear some good anti-Tammany arguments has been extended to every Tammany man in the district and already about a score have signified their intention of accepting. The list of speakers has not yet been named, but the most eloquent orators of the campaign will be pressed into service for the night.

BOB DAVIS.

What Would the Democratic Ticket in Hoboken Be Without Him?

Thousands of the following circulars have been distributed in Hoboken, much to the discomfort of Bob Davis, the Democratic boss of Hudson county:

THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR MAYOR, BOB DAVIS.

FOR CITY TREASURER, BOB DAVIS.

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Fifth Ward, BOB DAVIS.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

Everything in Sight.

A vote for the citizen's ticket is a vote for local self government.

Postmaster Van Cott Haven't Lost His Vote.

A story printed yesterday to the effect that Postmaster Cornelius Van Cott had not registered was denied by Mr. Van Cott himself. He said:

"There has been a mistake somewhere. I registered the first day from the Brevoort House, following a custom of years. They can't catch me saying I always register on the first day, and if I'm alive on election day I'll be one of the first to vote in my district."

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